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SUBJECT: PSI -- DEMARCHE TO AUSTRIA ON PSI REGIONAL
OPERATIONAL EXPERTS GROUP (ROEG) MEETING, HAMBURG

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[1](#)1. EconPolCouns delivered reftel demarche on October 25 to Dorothea Auer, the Austrian Foreign Ministry's Assistant Secretary level Director for Non-Proliferation.

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[1](#)2. Auer said she would coordinate with her colleagues in the Defense Ministry and in law enforcement agencies to determine who would attend the Hamburg meeting of the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) Regional Operational Experts Group (ROEG). She said she was unaware that anyone in the Austrian government had received an invitation, but she had recently received information from the German government concerning the Hamburg event.

[1](#)3. Auer noted that experts often receive word of PSI activities at short notice, making it difficult to respond adequately. She suggested that a half-year is not too far in advance to plan operational activities.
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